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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: K. Donahue et al
Serial No. 09/977,865 Art Unit: 1636
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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR NUCLEIC ACID
DELIVERY

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated August 26, 2003.

In response to the species election as set forth in the Office Action, Applicants elect as follows:

- 1) for a phosphodiester inhibitor compound, Applicants elect pyrazolo[4,3-d]pyrimidin-7-one; and
- 2) for agents of claim 75, Applicants elect vascular endothelium growth factor.

Pending claims that read on (encompass) those elections include claims 1, 27, 36-38, 48-50, 57-59, 61, 63, 64, 66, and 70-96

Early consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

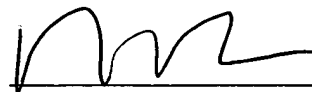
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